



## **Vladivostok Air Signs 5-year Contract with AFI KLM E&M to Maintain its CF6 80 E1 Engines**

**Paris, Amstelveen, 18 march 2010 - Last December, Vladivostok Air and AFI KLM E&M signed an exclusive 5-year contract for the maintenance of the CF6 80 E1 engines powering the Russian carrier's A330s. The agreement also covers access to spare engines.**

### **A world-class MRO for this engine type**

Vladivostok Air has chosen the sole European provider of maintenance services for the latest addition to General Electric's CF6 family of power plants.

AFI KLM E&M began developing its capabilities for this type of engine in 2005, which now comprise the full range of maintenance activities plus a series of tests. AFI KLM E& maintains 30% of the global fleet of CF6 80 E1 equipped aircraft, a solid guarantee for the Russian airline.

### **Cost control**

*"We are very pleased to place our CF6 80 E1 know-how at the disposal of Vladivostok Air," said Rob Pruim, AFI KLM E&M VP Sales International. "And although the need for repairs and spare parts for this recent-generation aircraft is still limited, as an operator, we have developed repair capabilities both in-house and in partnership with GE. We are therefore able to provide customers such as Vladivostok Air with full maintenance services at affordable prices."*

### **About Vladivostok Air**

Vladivostok Air is the largest air carrier in the Russian Far East with a fleet comprising Airbus A330, Airbus A320, Tu-204-300, Tu-154 M, Yak-40 and Mi-8 aircraft. It has been a full member of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) since 2004.

### **About AFI KLM E&M**

Air France Industries and KLM Engineering & Maintenance, which joined forces following the Air France KLM merger, are world-leading multi-product MRO (Maintenance, Repair, Overhaul) providers with a joint workforce of 14,200, offering comprehensive technical support for airlines, ranging from engineering and line maintenance to engine overhaul and the management, repair and supply of aircraft components, structured around a powerful logistics network. Together they support more than 1230 aircraft and serve upwards of 150 major international airlines. For more info, connect to [www.afiklmem.com](http://www.afiklmem.com).

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